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WASHINGTON, January 9, 1992 -- Carloadings originated on major U.S. railroads during the holiday week ended January 4 totaled 260,981, up 9.9 percent from the corresponding week of 1991 and up 13.0 percent from the preceding week, the Association of American Railroads (AAR) reported today. The railroads reporting account for approximately 94 percent of all rail carloads and 97 percent of rail intermodal loadings.

Carloadings originated were up 2.9 percent in the East and up 17.2 percent in the West, compared with a year ago.

From the comparable 1991 week, loadings of grain increased by 6,903 cars (37.9 percent), loadings of coal rose by 7,700 cars (8.3 percent), and motor vehicles and equipment loadings decreased by 2,157 cars (32.4 percent).

Intermodal traffic on Class I railroads -- not included in the carloadings -- totaled 88,281 trailers and containers for the week ended January 4, up 5.4 percent from 1991.

The AAR also estimated that ton-miles carried on major railroads in the week ended January 4 totaled 16.7 billion, up 12.8 percent from the corresponding week of 1991.

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WEEKLY TRAFFIC OF MAJOR RAILROADS
FOR THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 4, 1992

CARLOADS ORIGINATED, BY COMMODITY GROUP

COMMODITY	WEEK ENDING JANUARY 4, 1992	COMPARISON WITH SAME WEEK OF 1991	CHANGE	COMPARISON WITH PRECEDING WEEK	CHANGE
Grain	25,134	18,231	37.9 %	23,350	7.6 %
Farm Products, Ex. Grain	1,165	1,255	-7.2	1,320	-11.7
Metallic Ores	14,004	12,191	14.9	16,617	-15.7
Coal	100,249	92,549	8.3	86,328	16.1
Crushed Stone, Sand & Gravel	8,075	6,082	32.8	4,832	67.1
Nonmetallic Minerals	7,071	7,838	-9.8	6,558	7.8
Grain Mill Products	9,057	8,617	5.1	8,865	2.2
Food & Kindred Products	6,817	6,752	1.0	6,523	4.5
Primary Forest Products	7,969	6,997	13.9	5,400	47.6
Lumber & Wood Products	4,069	3,340	21.8	3,621	12.4
Pulp, Paper & Allied Products	11,692	10,924	7.0	11,019	6.1
Chemicals	26,843	23,819	12.7	22,764	17.9
Petroleum Products	4,260	4,086	4.3	3,966	7.4
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	6,551	5,889	11.2	5,190	26.2
Coke	5,437	5,037	7.9	5,401	0.7
Metals & Products	8,708	8,629	0.9	7,070	23.2
Motor Vehicles & Equipment	4,501	6,658	-32.4	4,232	6.4
Waste & Scrap Materials	5,361	4,910	9.2	4,627	15.9
All Other Carloads	4,018	3,711	8.3	3,221	24.7
Total	260,981	237,515	9.9 %	230,904	13.0 %

SUMMARY: CARLOADS ORIGINATED, INTERMODAL TRAFFIC AND ESTIMATED TON-MILES

TRAFFIC	WEEK ENDING JANUARY 4, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE	CUMULATIVE: 1 WEEK ENDING JANUARY 4, 1992 1992	1991	CHANGE
Carloads Originated	260,981	237,515	9.9 %	260,981	237,515	9.9 %
Intermodal Traffic Originated						
Trailers	41,105	42,585	-3.5	41,105	42,585	-3.5
Containers	47,176	41,194	14.5	47,176	41,194	14.5
Total	88,281	83,779	5.4	88,281	83,779	5.4
Estimated Ton-Miles						
Class I Railroads (Billions)	16.7	14.8	12.8 %	16.7	14.8	12.8 %

NOTE: Carloadings are estimated for: Week 1, 1992 - BAR & PLE.